Plan Public Arsenal Tours On Army Day

Army Day Tuesday will be celebrated at Joliet Arsenal by opening the installation to the public, with tours to be conducted from 1 to 4 p. m. so that Joliet area residents can obtain a first hand view of the operation.

During the war the reservation was restricted for security purposes. However, it is now the desire of the chief of ordnance, thru Lt. Col. Raymond C. Costabile, commanding officer, that the public be allowed to see the value and necessity for a plant of this kind.

AT PRESENT the Arsenal is in standby condition. All buildings and machinery are being carefully preserved and maintained in a state of readiness should there be a future need of reopening the plant on a production basis.

This will be shown, along with demilitarization of obsolete ammunition, the ammonium nitrate fertilizer project, preservation and maintenance of joint army-navy machinery, and receipt and storage of ammunition and inert components.

ARSENAL BUSES will be stationed at the recreation hall to accommodate the public on its tour. Officers of the installation will explain the various operations.

Maj. John H. Treviranus has been placed in charge of the Army Day activities and is being assisted by Capt. George Schipporeit, Arsenal maintenance officer; Capt. Robert Carson, storage officer; Lt. Leonard Eckmann, post signal officer, and Lt. George G. Eddy, Jr., assistant operations officer.

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